

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 22-37 were pending. Claims 22-35 were allowed. Claims 36 and 37 were rejected. In this response, claims 36-37 have been canceled without prejudice, leaving all remaining claims allowable.

While Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims that were allowed.

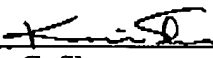
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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